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TAGS: OREP (MOOSE, RICHARD M. AND MEISSNER, CHARLES F.)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL MOOSE/MEISSNER

REF: JAKARTA 13054

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING POSSIBLE STAFFDEL
INQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC ISSUES CITED REFTTEL:

A. IF STAFFDEL RAISES QUESTIONS REGARDING POLITICAL
PRISONERS, AGREE YOU SHOULD PROVIDE SAME INFORMATION
AS GIVEN RECENT GAO TEAM (JAKARTA 12263).

B. IF EMBASSY DISCUSSES TRANSITIONAL AID STRATEGY, EXIM
WOULD PREFER OF COURSE THAT ITS CREDITS NOT BE TREATED
SIMPLY AS SUBSTITUTIONS FOR AID DEVELOPMENT LOANS. INSTEAD,
SUGGEST RESPONSE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: INDONESIA'S
IMPROVED FINANCIAL POSITION HAS PERMITTED TWO SIMULTANEOUS
DEVELOPMENTS TO TAKE PLACE: A REDUCTION IN CONCESSIONAL
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AID, AND AN EXPANSION IN EXIM CREDITS. LATTER NOW MAKE

SENSE BOTH FOR EXIM AND FOR GOI; INDONESIA'S RISING FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES AND HUGE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS MAKE IT A BETTER CUSTOMER FOR U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES AND A BETTER USER OF EXIM CREDITS IN SUPPORT OF SUCH EXPORTS; FOR ITS PART, GOI IS IN POSITION FOR FIRST TIME TO ESTABLISH ITS CREDITWORTHINESS IN WORLD MONEY MARKETS AND TO QUALIFY FOR COMMERCIAL FINANCING; INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOI LEADERS NOW

SEE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO BORROW FROM EXIM AS A WAY OF STRIKING A MORE INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC STANCE. WHILE OUR THINKING ON FUTURE AID STRATEGY TAKES ACCOUNT OF HIGHER GOI CAPACITY FOR BORROWING ON HARDER TERMS, HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT GOI'S NEED FOR CONCESSIONAL FINANCING HAS ENDED. IN THIS RESPECT, WE AWAIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF IBRD TEAM CURRENTLY APPRAISING GOI'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

C. REVIEWING HISTORY OF OUR MILITARY AID "COMMITMENT" TO GOI WOULD POSE NO PROBLEMS FOR US.

D. NO OBJECTION TO YOUR MENTIONING OUR APPROACH TO GOI ON OIL PRICE LEVELS AND INDONESIAN RESPONSE. WITH REGARD FEA CONTRACTOR KRIEGER'S VISIT, HOWEVER, PREFER THAT YOU NOT VOLUNTEER ANY COMMENT. IF STAFFDEL RAISES TOPIC, YOU SHOULD RESPOND IN GENERAL TERMS AND REFER STAFFDEL TO FEA FOR DETAILS.

2. LIST OF GOI OFFICIALS FOR MEETINGS WITH STAFFDEL (PARA 7 REFTEL) LOOKS FINE TO US. ALSO AGREE YOUR PROPOSALS FOR HANDLING REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SOEDJATMOKO AND POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS WITH OTHERS MENTIONED PARA 8. INGERSOLL

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